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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for extension of time for a total period of one (1) month. Based on the extension requested, the extended period for response will expire on August 14, 2003

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed with this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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